

The Canadian Perfins Study Group continues to make progress toward updating the *Handbook of Canadian Perfins*. Members have reported several new designs. We shared some of these with you in June. Here are some more.

H-2 (HEV/Co) is the same as U.S. #H-66, which is not identified in the U. S. Catalog. This copy is on Canada 90.

J-12 (JR in circle) is owned by J. Reid, who is one of the few Canadian collectors to own a personal perfin.

M-25 (M&M) is known on a Canadian Excise stamp. It is the same as U. S. #M-299 and was used by Marsh and McLennan, the New York bankers.

N-8a (NYC) differs from N-8 by the location of the diagonal of the N. It is known on Canada 104.

N-13 (NS/Co) is known on Canada 165 and is the same as U. S. #N-151 used by N. Shure Company of Chicago.

N-10ia (NYL) appears to be a die change of N-10i. The Dd code pins are fairly close together on issues between 1912 and 1932 (N-10i) and then further apart on issues from 1935 to 1956 (N-10ia).

D-9 is a new unidentified punch found on an Ontario stock transfer.

S-11a (SUN/LIFE) shows many minor differences from S-11, the easiest to see being in the top two holes in the S: they are perfectly horizontal in the S-11a.

Jack Brandt reports the interesting "cross" device at left, which apparently is a revenue cancel rather than a perfin.

The two SPECIMEN devices shown here are also newly reported--both on Newfoundland stamps. The smaller curved type is found on a number of British Empire issues; the larger is probably a cancellation device.

We offer these new patterns and would-be patterns for the sake of research only. Whether all these patterns will be included in the new Canadian catalog is entirely up to the catalog compilers. Right now the group is involved in research and if you can contribute anything in the way of information--either new patterns or postmark information or any other information about any of the known patterns--please do so. Only with your help can the new Canadian catalog be as useful as we want it to be.

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